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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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Nothing Significant to Report

REGIONAL

(South Dakota) SD, NJ men accused in hedge fund investment scam. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission accused two individuals involved with RAHFCO Hedge Funds of creating false account statements to conceal \$10 million in investor losses. Source:

<http://online.wsj.com/article/AP1cfb0b22e62a448083ecfad0d975c791.html>

NATIONAL

Nothing Significant to Report

INTERNATIONAL

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BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

Websites of major Czech banks, stock exchange disrupted by DDOS attacks. The Web sites of several major banks and a stock exchange in the Czech Republic experienced service interruptions due to distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks. Source:

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Websites-of-Major-Czech-Banks-Stock-Exchange-Disrupted-by-DDOS-Attacks-335476.shtml>

Bank DDoS attacks resume. The Web sites of several U.S. banks were hit with distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks March 6, after a hacktivist group that previously targeted banks announced the start of a new round of attacks. Source:

http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/bank-ddos-attacks-resume-030613

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

Security cameras continue to pose snooping risk. A researcher recently found hundreds of publicly-accessible security cameras with a Google search, allowing the cameras to be viewed and in some cases controlled remotely. Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2252800/security-cameras-continue-to-pose-snooping-risk>

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(Massachusetts) **Massachusetts man arrested with bomb-making material.** A man was arrested in Leominster after police found a variety of chemicals in a van located in a commercial parking lot. The van contained a dangerous variety of chemicals that, if combined, could be used to make an explosive device. Source:

<http://www.bioprepwatch.com/news/massachusetts-man-arrested-with-bomb-making-material/327911/>

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

FTC files charges against spammers accused of sending 180 million text messages. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) filed complaints against more than two dozen individuals connected to a massive spam SMS operation. The FTC charges claim the defendants refused to disclose the costs and conditions associated with gift cards offered to recipients of the text messages, collected personal information, and therefore violated and act put forth by the Federal Communications Commission. Source: <http://www.theverge.com/2013/3/7/4076996/ftc-files-charges-against-spammers-accused-of-sending-180-million>

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

Briggs & Stratton recalls Ariens Compact Snow Blowers due to fire hazard. A recall was announced for about 5,400 Ariens Snow-Thro 24-inch snow blowers due to a carburetor bowl nut that can allow gas to escape from the machine. Source:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2013/Briggs--Stratton-Recalls-Ariens-Compact-Snow-Blowers/>

Pratt & Whitney discloses fraudulent engine tests in Israel. Pratt & Whitney reported that a subsidiary in Israel falsified records on jet engine tests, but the company and the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration concluded that no safety issues were caused by the fraud. Source:

<http://www.rep-am.com/articles/2013/03/05/business/708246.txt>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

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ENERGY

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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

More cases in multistate salmonella outbreak linked to chicken. Four new cases of salmonella linked to chicken have been reported after an outbreak was first reported in June 2012. The total number of cases has reached 128 and the outbreak has been investigated in 13 States.

Source: <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/fs/food-disease/news/mar0613salmo.html>

Loose seams on tuna can lids prompts recall. Loose can lids and seams caused the companies that produce Bumble Bee and Chicken of the Sea tuna products to issue a voluntary recall due to potential risk of contamination. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/03/loose-seams-on-tuna-can-lids-prompts-recall/#.UTia4aU8zUg>

Cargill's animal nutrition business conducts voluntary recall of select mineral product used in ruminant feed. An animal nutrition company issued a voluntary recall of several products due to an oversight in manufacturing processes. The products, which come in a variety of brands and all in 50 pound bags, were reported to be deficient in vitamins A, D, and E. Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm342537.htm>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Colorado) 5 suspicious packages found at NORAD base in Colo. Roughly 1,500 individuals were evacuated from Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs March 7 after employees became suspicious about five packages that were found at the North American Aerospace Defense Command headquarters. Officials are investigating and continue to test the packages for harmful substances. Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/03/07/5-suspicious-packages-found-norad-base-in-colorado_n_2831783.html

Estimated \$580M spent on largest wildfires in 2012. Over \$580 million was spent on putting out wildfires in 2012, the National Interagency Fire Center reported. Source: <http://www.kristv.com/news/estimated-580m-spent-on-largest-wildfires-in-2012/>

Report: VA sent data over unsecured networks. Officials at the Veteran Affairs Department plan on taking corrective steps to address their practice of sending sensitive data over an unsecured network. A report by the inspector general advised the agency to re-evaluate their procedures and to put the necessary controls in place. Source: http://www.wwlp.com/dpp/entertainment/consumer_tech/Report-VA-sent-data-over-unsecured-networks_94188575

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Report: Android is home to 96% of new mobile malware. F-Secure's latest Mobile Threat Report found that Android accounted for 96% of new mobile threats. Source: <http://www.h->

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online.com/security/news/item/Report-Android-is-home-to-96-of-new-mobile-malware-1818594.html

Asprox botnet proves to be a resilient foe. The Asprox botnet has been upgraded and continues to be involved in new spam and fake anti-virus campaigns, according to a paper by Trend Micro. Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/030613-asprox-botnet-proves-to-be-267425.html>

USA is number one! (...for spam). The U.S. rose from third to first in rankings of countries with the most spam being sent between December 2012 and February 2013. Source: <http://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2013/03/05/usa-number-one-spam-dirty-dozen/>

Russian ransomware takes advantage of Windows PowerShell. A recent form of ransomware was found by researchers to be using Windows PowerShell to encrypt victims' files. Source: <http://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2013/03/05/russian-ransomware-windows-powershell>

New class of industrial-scale super-phishing emails threatens biz. Security researchers have identified a new large-scale form of phishing that uses tailored messages and variable links to direct users to drive-by download sites where rootkits are installed. Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/03/04/longlining_phishing/

NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS

(Wyoming) U.S. budget cuts force Yellowstone to delay opening. Yellowstone National Park's yearly opening was postponed due to the impact of the February 1 national spending cuts. The park's delayed opening by two weeks could lead to a significant loss of revenue from fewer visitors to the area. Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/bay-area-living/ci_22713003/u-s-budget-cuts-force-yellowstone-delay-opening

POSTAL AND SHIPPING

US Postal Service warns of foreign lottery scams. Foreign lottery scams have deceived thousands of Americans out of millions of dollars, with senior citizens being the most prominent victims, according to U.S. postal inspectors. Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/consumer&id=9015682>

PUBLIC HEALTH

Deadly bacteria that resist strongest drugs are spreading. Federal officials warned that new antibiotic-resistant bacteria that can lead to deadly infections is on the rise at hospitals and clinics throughout the U.S. Authorities with the Centers for Disease Control are urging staff and patients to take precautions to avoid spreading the bacteria. Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/06/health/deadly-drug-resistant-infections-rise-in-hospitals-report-warns.html?partner=rss&emc=rss&r=0>

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TRANSPORTATION

(Arkansas) Police make large copper theft bust, millions in damages. Three suspects were taken into custody after a \$5 million copper theft heist was uncovered. Arkansas officials said they stripped twenty two out of twenty eight Union Pacific trains of copper. Source: <http://www.katv.com/story/21441919/police-make-large-copper-theft-bust-millions-in-damages>

WATER AND DAMS

Nothing Significant to Report

HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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